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PARIS (UPI) -- EMPEROR JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA I OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN
EMPIRE, ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MASSACRE OF 100 [illegible] BY HIS
SCHOOLCHILDREN THIS YEAR, [illegible]
COUSIN, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS [illegible] 13 YEARS AGO,
THEY SAID DAVID DACKO, THE COUSIN BOKASSA [illegible] ONE OF THE WORLD*S
WAS IN POWER OF THE LANDLOCKED AFRICAN NATION,
POOREST COUNTRIES.
REPORTS REACHING PARIS FROM BANGUI, THE EMPIRE*S JUNGLE CAPITAL,
SAID THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS RUSHED INTO THE STREETS TO CELEBRATE THE
DOWNFALL OF THE MAN THAT LED THEIR COUNTRY INTO NEAR BANKRUPTCY.
FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE DECIDED TO SEND A MILITARY [illegible]
DETACHMENT INTO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO MENACES AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE [illegible]
POPULATIONS.
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REACHING PARIS EARLY TODAY SAID A BROADCAST
CLAIMING TO BE THE CENTRAL AFRICAN OFFICIAL RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT
BOKASSA, WHO IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS +THE FRENCH-SPEAKING IDI
AMIN,+ FLED TO LIBYA.
TWO YEARS AGO, BOKASSA CROWNED HIMSELF EMPEROR ON A 2.A-TON BRONZE
THRONE IN CEREMONIES COSTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. HIS LANDLOCKED
FORMER FRENCH COLONY OF ABOUT 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE IS AMONG THE WORLD*S
POOREST NATIONS.
BOKASSA HAS FACED GROWING UNREST AFTER RECENTLY BEING CITED BY A
SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY PANEL FROM OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS FOR PROBABLY
PARTICIPATING IN THE MASSACRE OF CHILDREN.
THE PANEL CORROBORATED REPORTS BOKASSA ORDERED THE KILLINGS, AND
PERSONALLY PUT OUT THE EYES OF ONE CHILD, AFTER THE CHILDREN
PROTESTED AN IMPERIAL DECREE REQUIRING THEM TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORMS
ONLY AVAILABLE AT A STORE OWNED BY ONE OF BOKASSA*S WIVES.
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